UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION

SALVADOR VILLEGAS, JR.,)	
Plaintiff,)	
v.)	No. 1:20-cv-58-AGF
)	
NICK BECKER, et al.,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

This matter is before the Court upon its own motion. On August 26, 2020, mail that this Court sent to self-represented plaintiff Salvador Villegas, Jr. was returned without a forwarding address, and plaintiff has not notified the Court of any change in his address. According to the Local Rules of this Court, a self-represented party is required to promptly notify the Clerk of any change in his address or telephone number. E.D.Mo. L.R. 2.06(B). "If any mail to a self-represented plaintiff or petitioner is returned to the Court without a forwarding address and the self-represented plaintiff or petitioner does not notify the Court of the change of address within thirty (30) days, the Court may, without further notice, dismiss the action without prejudice." *Id.*

In this case, more than thirty days have passed since the mail was returned, and plaintiff has not notified the Court of a change of address. The Court will therefore dismiss this action without prejudice, pursuant to Local Rule 2.06(B). This dismissal will not count as a "strike" for purposes of 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g).

Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this action is DISMISSED without prejudice. A separate order of dismissal will be entered herewith.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that plaintiff's motion for leave to proceed *in forma* pauperis (ECF No. 9) is **DENIED** as moot.

Dated this 6th day of October 2020.

AUDREY G. FLEISSIG

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE